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## Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan - 2020 Update

California state law requires that each county adopt a County Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) that serves as a roadmap to approaching countywide solid waste and recycling issues, including landfill needs.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority is in the process of updating the Countywide Element of the CIWMP, a key component of the Plan that includes goals, objectives, and policies to guide decision making and desired outcomes for the Agency's work.

The Countywide Element provides a broad overview of the desired state of waste and materials management in Alameda County. Like a general plan for cities, this document is intended to be far-reaching with long-term relevance. It is a complement to StopWaste's annual budget, which provides the programmatic specificity to implement the Countywide Element on a practical level each year.

The draft Countywide Element goals include:



### **Disposal Capacity**

Manage discards and minimize landfill impacts consistent with waste reduction objectives.



### **Public Engagement**

Inform and engage the public in waste reduction activities.



### **Responsible Infrastructure**

Maximize environmental benefits for recycling and composting by balancing high volume of recovery with related considerations: quality of commodities, operating impacts of facilities, and other environmental impacts of programs.



### **Regional Collaboration**

Address regional, state, and federal issues, and develop programs in partnership with member agencies, the private sector, and other key stakeholders.



### **Materials Management**

Shift from managing discards to reducing consumption, managing materials at their highest and best use, and addressing environmental impacts across the full life cycle of materials and products.



### **Funding**

Manage revenues and expenditures to implement countywide priority programs and facilities to achieve the goals outlined in the CIWMP.

The update to the Countywide Element will be completed in spring 2020. Interested parties should contact Meghan Starkey at [mstarkey@stopwaste.org](mailto:mstarkey@stopwaste.org) to be added to the mailing list for the draft document when available.